--- 1/20th Pound - "Series of 1915" - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 1/20th pound "Series of 1915" strips as follows:

RP-728 - 1/20th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. violet control numbers***
RP-729 - 1/20th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-730 - 1/20th pound, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

I have separated the *coarse roulette* from the *imperforate* strips, but it is probable that they form a continuous batch, with the *imperforate* being used in the later stages by the larger companies, when the machine application of the strips was more common.

--- RP-728 - *coarse roulette* - with *4½ mm. violet controls* - *undated* cancellations ---

RP-728 - 1/20th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **4731001**, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel

RP-728 - 1/20th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **4990532**, rollered **1-10-D** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal

4731001★	RP-728 SP	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, with ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel
4979586	RP-728	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1-10-D**
4990432★	RP-728	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1-10-D**
5481544	RP-728	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1-10-D**

The paper mesh used on the "Series of 1915" strips from ABN / CBN is very hard to read. The paper is a hard wove with what appears to be an indistinct *horizontal* mesh. Unless there is some reason (i.e. a measurable difference in length on the longer strips) the distinction between *horizontal* and *vertical* mesh wove will be dropped henceforth.

Without any documentation, and judging purely by the control numbering, I feel that the **Specimen** copies with the seven purple zeroes were made initially when the **"Series of 1915"** was introduced, and the other copies, stamped ***Sample*** in purple script, were made when ABN was re-organized as CBN in 1923.

RP-728 - 1/20th pound, control **0000000**, with seven purple zeroes in each panel - clipped from an *imperforate* sheet

0000000★	RP-728	1/20th pound, *imperforate*, with seven purple zeroes in each panel

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--- RP-729 - *coarse roulette* - with *4½ mm. blue controls* - *undated* cancellations ---

RP-729 - 1/20th pound, *coarse roulette*, blue control number **1997371**, with an unreadable roller cancellation

0484928	RP-729	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **6-13-D**
1817983	RP-729	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **6-13-D**
2761064	RP-729	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1-13-D**
1997371 ★	RP-729	1/20th pound, coarse roulette - with an unreadable cancellation
5414335 ★	RP-729	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **9-13-D**

--- RP-730 - *imperforate* - with *4½ mm. blue controls* ---

--- *undated* cancellations ---

1292413	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate
2164431	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate
2290576	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate
2403035 ★	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-13-D**
5645262	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, roller cancelled **1-10-D**
6686841	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, roller cancelled **1-10-D**
7420939	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, rollered **7-13-D**
9033774	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-13-D**

--- *dated* cancellations ---

RP-730 - 1/20th pound, *imperforate*, blue control number **2536288**
Coded **7-13-D / CFA** by "B. Houde Tobacco", Quebec City, in March 1935

2536288 ★	03/35	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, coded **7-13-D / CFA**
2555251	04/35	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, coded **7-13-D / AFB**
2560869	05/35	RP-730	1/20th pound, imperforate, coded **7-13-D / BFB**

It is possible that this blue number sequence forms more than one 10,000,000 strip control run. There appears to be no way to separate these control number runs, and to determine how many are present, unless more dated copies emerge. Probably the colours of the roller cancellations are significant, and indicate the year of usage within a company.

--- Note: there was no 1/20th pound denomination in either Series "A", or in Series "B" ---

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In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN Roll No. G-1280 for the "Series of 1915", 1/20 pound, 155 x 15 mm. strip

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plate No. 3, 5 and 6 for the one-twentieth pound "Series of 1915" tobacco strip. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

These 60 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (3 x 10) strips - JBH

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die F-47 for the 155 x 15 mm. one-twentieth pound "Series of 1915" tobacco strip.

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